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(57) Abstract: This invention provides a class of 3-amino-7*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyridin-6-one derivatives, substituted in the 7-position by an aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl moiety, and in the 2-position by a specified range of substituent groups; also provided is a process for preparing those compounds, and the use thereof as intermediates in the manufacture of certain p38 MAP kinase inhibitors.